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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON SHOES AND HANDBAG COMPLAINT

- 1. SUMMARY: COB CONCURS WITH TREASURY'S REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED AMERICAN IMPORTERS LIST OF BRAZILIAN SHOE EXPORTERS INDICATING APPLICABLE COUNTERVAILING DUTY RATES. MISSION TO DISCUSS HANDBAG COMPLAINT EXPECTED TO BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF MARCH 10. END SUMMARY.
- 2. IN LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1975, TO FINANCIAL ATTACHE, CYRO FREIRE CURY, SUB-CHIEF, INTERNATINAL ECONOMIC DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, GIVES GOB CONCURRENCE TO TREASURY'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE INTERESTED AMERICAN IMPORTERS WITH LIST OF BRAZILIAN SHOE EXPORTERS INDICATING APPLICABLE COUNTERVAILING DUTY RATES. THE BRAZILIAN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE IS THE FOLLOWING:

A) TREASURY'S LIST WOULD BREAK BRAZILIAN SHOE EXPORTERS TO THE U.S. INTO TWO CATEGOIES, BASED ON THE RATIO OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPORTS TO TOTAL SALES. MAXIMUM RATE OF 4.8 PERCENT WOULD

BE SHOWN FOR THOSE FIRMS EXPORTING MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL SALES AND A MAXIMUM RATE OF 12.3 PERCENT FOR THOSE FIRMS EXPORTING LESS THAN 40 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL SALES. THIS CATEGORIZATION WOULD BE DONE ON THE BASIS OF 1974 DATA. B) TREASURY WOULD ISSUE ADDENDA OR OTHERWISE REVISE THIS LIST AS EXPORTERS' REQUESTS FOR LOWER RATES ARE APPROVED.

3. CURY SAID DURING TELECON THAT MISSION TO DISCUSS HANDBAG COMPLAINT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE FISITING WASHINGTON WEEK OF MARCH 10 (ONLY PRO-FORMA FINAL AUTHORIZATION TO LEAVE COUNTRY IS LACKING) AND WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH SUCHAMN.
WE WILL EANDAVOR TO PROVIDE EXACT TIMING OF MISSION, ONCE FINAL APPROVAL GRANTED, TO ASSIST WASHINGTON IN SCHEDULING DISCUSSION.

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